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SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" I do not put the question, Sir, because of the information I have already got."

Allotment of lands on the banks of Romperu Drainage Canal.

* 269 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total number of acres of waste land lying both on east and west of the Romperu Drainage Canal in Guntur district; and

(*b*) how many acres of that land were assigned to political sufferers and whether they are being cultivated by them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information in the matter, but have called for the same from the Collector and his reply is awaited."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Is it a fact that 80 persons who are cultivators in that area have been arrested in the last two weeks to assist the political sufferers to take possession of the lands, cultivated by the landless poor under the Grow More Food Campaign for the last ten to fifteen years or even more? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As the information called for has not yet come, I am unable to answer the question."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I ask whether these lands could not be assigned to landless labourers in the Guntur district? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Landless labourers are being given preference in the matter of assignment."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" In view of the fact that the assignments are temporary as most of the assignees are not *bona fide* political sufferers and as the transfer of the possession of lands to the political sufferers was done only on paper and that too by issuing section 144 orders and mass arrests, will the Government cancel the temporary assignments and appoint a non-official committee to go into the matter and advise them? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—If it is only a question of paper assignment, that defect will certainly be rectified."

Representations from the copyists in Judicial department.

* 270 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether representations have been received from the copyists in Judicial department to pay house rent allowance and increase their basic salary, and if so, what action was taken on the representations?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes. The representations are still under consideration."